



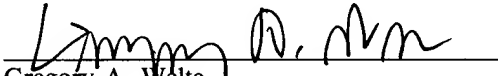
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System Having Particular)
Adaptability to)
Financial Payment)
Switches)

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Sir:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace claim 1 with the following:

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1. A method of constructing a plurality of software systems, comprising the following steps:

a) maintaining an inventory of software modules, which includes:

i) a group of type A modules; and

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